

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for paying for mail to be delivered from a sender in a first country to a recipient in a second country, comprising the steps of:
  - affixing a first indicia containing a unique number to mail for payment of carrier fees ~~for a~~ the first country post office;
  - affixing a second country indicia containing a number to the mail for payment of the carrier fees for ~~the a~~ second country post office, and
  - debiting a meter for the payment of the carrier fees for the first country post office and the carrier fees for the second country post office.
2. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the first indicia is a post office postal indicia.
3. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the second indicia is a post office postal indicia.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second indicia are affixed to mail by a postage meter.

7. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second indicia are affixed to mail by a personal computer meter.

8. (New) The method claimed in claim 1, further including the steps of:  
storing information contained in the first indicia and the second indicia in a  
database;  
examining the first indicia information and the second indicia information; and  
comparing the information stored in the database with the information  
examined to determine whether the first indicia, and the second indicia affixed to  
examined mail are legitimate.

9. (New) The method claimed in claim 8, further including the step of:

\_\_\_\_\_utilizing the unique number contained in the first indicia and the number  
contained in the second indicia to determine whether the first indicia and the second  
indicia affixed to the examined mail are legitimate.

10. (New) The method claimed in claim 8, further including the step of:  
\_\_\_\_\_canceling the first indicia and the second indicia.

11. (New) The method claimed in claim 8, further including the step of:  
\_\_\_\_\_marking the first indicia and the second indicia with a visible ink to distinguish  
a used first and second indicia from an unused first and second indicia.

12. (New) The method claimed in claim 1, further including the step of:  
\_\_\_\_\_reporting the payment of carrier fees for affixing the first indicia to the first  
country post office; and  
\_\_\_\_\_reporting the payment of carrier fees for affixing the second indicia to the  
second country post office.